MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING
THE WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP
FEBRUARY 26, 2009

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTIES OF HARRIS & MONTGOMERY §

The Board of Directors of The Woodlands Township, met in special session, open to the public, on February 26, 2009, posted to begin at 7:00 a.m. The meeting was held in the Meeting Room at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel and Convention Center, 1601 Lake Robbins Drive, The Woodlands, Texas, within the boundaries of the Township. The roll was called of the duly elected and appointed members of the Board of Directors, to wit:

Nelda Luce Blair

Chairman

Lloyd W. Matthews Vice-Chairman

Bruce Tough Second Vice-Chairman

Vicki D. Richmond Treasurer/Assistant Secretary

Alex Sutton III Secretary
Thomas Campbell Director
Kemba DeGroot Director
Peggy S. Hausman Director
Claude Hunter Director
Edmund W. Robb III Director
Robert C. Kinnear Director

with all of said persons being present, except Director DeGroot, Director Robb\*, Secretary \*Indicates arrived late

Sutton,\* and Second Vice-Chairman Bruce Tough, thus constituting a quorum. Also present for conducting business and assisting Board members were Don Norrell, Joel Deretchin, Jeff Long, Taunya Stevenson, Renee Williford, and Kristin Freeman.

Chairman Blair called the meeting to order at 7:05 a.m. She announced that a quorum was present and that sufficient notice of this meeting had been duly posted as required by law. Chairman Blair then

requested a motion to adopt the agenda. Director Campbell moved to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Director Kinnear and passed unanimously.

Next, Chairman Blair recognized public officials attending the meeting. No public officials were recognized.

Chairman Blair then turned the meeting over to Curt Dunham, CEO of Partners for Strategic Action, Inc., who led the panel in discussion of matters relating to the Strategic Plan of The Woodlands Township. Mr. Dunham informed the panel that during today's session the focus would be on visioning what the community has the potential to be in coming decades. Panel members were next asked to provide any reaction to yesterday's session. Several comments were made concerning the need to distinguish between Strategic Planning and Visioning. Secretary Sutton arrived at this point in the meeting.

Following discussion, Mr. Dunham asked the panel to come up with a target date for the desired future condition of The Woodlands Township. Director Robb arrived at this point in the meeting. The panel settled on the year 2034, the sixtieth anniversary of The Woodlands, as the target date. Mr. Dunham then asked the panel to participate in a group exercise. The panel was split into three groups of four members each. Group One was asked to develop a sales brochure for the Real Estate industry in The Woodlands. Their focus was centered on what they would tell people to entice them to buy property in The Woodlands. Group Two was assigned to develop a presentation to be made to a Community Managers' Association describing The Woodlands at age sixty. Group Three was asked to describe The Woodlands using the five senses. Each group then presented a synopsis of the key points they came up with for their particular assignment.

Following the presentations, the panel members took a short break while the facilitators worked on pulling together common themes extracted from the panel's key points. Treasurer Richmond left the meeting at this point. Some common themes included: safe community, accepting of new people and ideas, recreational opportunities for all ages, educational opportunities, resident focused, thriving business community, private/public partnerships, and green community.

Following a period of discussion, Mr. Dunham concluded the session by informing the panel that a draft of the Vision and Mission would be sent to each panel member for their review prior to the next work session. Director Hausman commented that she had received some emails from residents expressing the idea that the Township should solicit comments on its website regarding the Visioning Process. Chairman Blair stated that there are several methods already in place whereby individuals can provide comments or ask questions. She noted that individuals can go to

"Ask the Township" or they can attend the meetings which are open to the

public and allow time for public comment.

Mr. Dunham then asked for feedback on what would be a good day

and time to meet again. Suggestions were given and then panel members

were informed that they would be notified about the date and time of the

next work session.

Chairman Blair then called on names from the Public Comment

Roster. There were no names on the roster.

The Chairman then asked for a motion to adjourn. Director Robb

moved to adjourn the meeting. Director Hunter seconded the motion and

it passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Alex Sutton III

Directors

(SEAL)

Secretary, Board of

## **EXHIBIT OMISSIONS\***

**EXHIBIT "A"** 

**EXHIBIT "B"** 

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